## IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

To Office Bridges and Structures Date July 24, 2007

Attention All Employees Ref No. 521.1

From Gary Novey

Office Bridges and Structures

Subject Method's Memo No. 170 (Design Policy Updates)

The Engineering Bureau Director asked that our office coordinate the release of information with the Office of Design in regard to design policy changes. Therefore starting August 1<sup>st</sup>, we will begin releasing the office's policy changes (Methods Memos) at the beginning of each month. Updates to the bridge design manual will still be made every 6 months.

As part of this coordination effort the department has subscribed to an internet e-mail service called "Graphicmail" for notifying consultants of policy and standards changes. Updates of methods memo and design manuals for Design and Bridges and Structures will be provided in a combined e-mail for the division through this service.

People in the DOT are encouraged to sign up for this service through the following web site:

www.graphicmail.com/rwcode/subscribe.asp?SiteID=17481&Mode=subscribe

A link is also provided from the Office of Bridges & Structures home page.

If you have any questions, please check with Annette Jeffers.

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